

## REGULAR MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL-APRIL 28, 2003

The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Elizabeth Paterson at 7:36 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck municipal building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Haddad, Hawkins, Holinko, Paterson, Rosen, Schaefer, Martin, Thorkelson  
Absent: Bellm

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Rosen seconded to approve the minutes of April 14, 2003 as presented.

Motion so passed. Mr. Thorkelson abstained.

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Rosen seconded to approve the minutes of the special meeting of April 21, 2003 as presented.

Mr. Rosen asked for a correction-to "recommend" to the Board of Education a reduction to budget.

Motion so passed with correction. Mr. Holinko abstained.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Mr. Dennison Nash, a member of the Transportation Commission, urged the Council to continue to fund the WRTD Pre-Paid Fee Program. As a commission they hope to meet with Rep. Merrill and members of the University Administration, Undergraduate body and Graduate Student Body to seek financial support for this program.

Mrs. Meredith Lindsey, Beech Mountain Road, requested that the Council attempt to better publicize the budget meetings such as the Regional Board meeting and the upcoming Referendum for the Regional School on May 6, 2003.

Mr. Christopher Palhus, 720 Middle Turnpike, supports saying of the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of each Council meeting. He also asked for better notification on school budget matters.

At 7:55 p.m. the Audience for Citizens was closed.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. Appointment of Member to Regional School District #19 Board of Education.

Mr. Martin moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to send a letter to the Secretary of the

State's office and request an opinion as the filling of vacancies for the Regional School Board.

So passed unanimously.

2. Town of Mansfield Proposed Fiscal Year 2003/04 Budget

Mr. Thorkelson moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to meet on Wednesday, April 30, 2003, at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall to vote on the budget for  $\frac{3}{4}$ .

So passed unanimously.

3. Project Grant Agreement-Mt. Hope Road Bridge Culvert Replacement Project

Mr. Thorkelson moved and Mr. Haddad seconded to adopt the following resolution: Be it resolved, that Martin H. Berliner, Town Manager of the Town of Mansfield, is authorized to sign the agreement "Project Grant Agreement between the State of Connecticut and the Town of Mansfield under the Local Bridge Program for Mount Hope Road over Brook, Bridge No. 077002."

So passed unanimously.

4. University Spring Weekend

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson reported that she and Mr. Hart, Mr. Jackman, Sgt Darcey, Mr. Grunwald, Mr. Dagon, Mr. Haddad and Attorney O'Brien were present during Spring Weekend and noted that the police and fire emergency services were most professional and were able to move the crowd when necessary. There were fewer arrests made; however the potential for an explosive situation still exists. There is a new site for a party on Friday evening-Celeron Square. This is a difficult place to patrol because of the configuration of the various buildings in the complex. The Daily Campus reported 55 arrests and noted that only 7 were UConn students. The Mayor plans to have a meeting to discuss this weekend while the topic is fresh on everyone's mind. She again spoke of the excellent job that all the emergency service and police did on the weekend.

Mr. Thorkelson moved and Mr. Martin seconded to add 7a to the agenda-"Multiple Tower Site Management Agreement".

So passed unanimously.

V. NEW BUSINESS

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5. Contract Renewal between the Town of Mansfield and the Connecticut Department of Public Safety for Resident Trooper Services

Mr. Rosen moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to adopt the following resolution: Resolved, effective April 28, 2003, that the Town Manager, Martin H. Berliner be and is herewith authorized to execute a contract on behalf of the Town of Mansfield with the Connecticut Department of Public Safety, Division of State Police, for the services of five (5) resident state troopers for the period July 1, 2003 to June 30,

2005.

So passed unanimously.

6. Highway Safety Grant Application

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Rosen seconded that effective April 28, 2003, to authorize the Town Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of \$7, 267 to the Connecticut Department of Transportation's Highway Safety Grant Program to purchase traffic classifying equipment for the town.

So passed unanimously.

7. Designation of Auditor to Conduct Financial Audit for Fiscal Year 2002/2003

Mr. Rosen moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded, effective April 24, 2003 to appoint the firm of Kostin, Ruffkess and Company to conduct the town's financial audit for fiscal year 2002/03.

So passed unanimously.

7a. Multiple Tower Site Management Agreement

Mr. Martin moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to adopt the following resolution: Resolved, effective April 28, 2003, that the Town Manager, Martin H. Berliner, is empowered to execute a Multiple Tower Site Management Agreement with TCP Communications, Inc of Beverly, Massachusetts for the purpose of locating telecommunications towers on property owned by the Town of Mansfield.

So passed unanimously.

- VI. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS
- VII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES
- VIII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS
- IX. TOWN MANAGERS REPORT

Question was raised by a council-member on the proposed sight-line improvements on Route 195 at Chaffeeville Road. Item #8 addresses the issue.

The Town Manager commended Dave Dagon on the grant applications for the fire departments for firefighter assistance.

On May 5<sup>th</sup> there will be a final report on the Lands of Unique Value Study.

Jeff Smith, Director of Finance was chosen to receive a Secretary of the State 2003 Public Service Award. The Council congratulated Mr. Smith.

There will be a Community workshop on Storrs Center Project on May 1, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

The Town Manager handed out the latest budget estimates for the town from CCM.

The University of Connecticut Campus Master Plan Update 2003 will be holding a meeting with the Town of May 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:30.

The question was raised as to availability of the Hitchcock Property on Hanks Hill Road. The Open Space Committee discussed this purchase but at this time was not interested. The sale price is over \$600,000.

A Council member inquired about availability of the Claude McDaniels property

X. FUTURE AGENDAS.

XI. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

8. M. Berliner re: Proposed Sight-Line Improvements-Route 195 at Chaffeeville Road
9. Planning and Zoning Commission re: Fiscal Year 2003/04 Capital Budget
10. Legal Notice-Regional School District Number 19 Town Meeting
11. Mansfield Department of Public Works Press Release: 2003 Spring Sweeping of Mansfield Roads
12. D. Dagon re: Firefighter Assistance Grant
13. S. Bysiewicz re: J. Smith Recipient of 2003 Public Service Award
14. Mansfield Planning Department re: UConn Students Enrolled at Storrs Campus
15. Mansfield Planning Department re: May 5<sup>th</sup> Public Presentation for Lands of Unique Value Study
16. University of Connecticut Campus Master Plan Update 2003-Draft Meeting Schedule and Agenda

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Not needed

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Martin moved and Mr. Haddad seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

So passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Joan E. Gerdson, Town Clerk